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COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Lake View.

The children had quite an enjoyable time Saturday afternoon when they were given an Easter Egg Hunt on the Methodist church grounds. An egg hunt was also given at school on Friday for the first seven grades.

The meeting conducted by Rev. Mr. Leslie at the Methodist church the past week closed Friday night. The crowds were good and very attentive and all enjoyed the sermons from time to time. Dr. Rufus Ford was in town Thursday night and preached at the Methodist church.

Miss Georgia White who is home for the Easter holidays spent Friday with her sister Miss Ellen White. The Misses White went to their home in Dillon Friday night for the week end.

Miss Bessie Hayes who is attending school at Carolina College is home for the holidays.

Quite an interesting game of base ball was held on the school grounds Thursday afternoon between the school boys and town boys. The score was 19 to 13 in favor of the town boys.

Mr. Basil Norman has been appointed policeman in town to take the place of Mr. Joe Hill.

Mr. Hiniard Rogers and daughter, Eva Boyd, spent Saturday in Mullins.

Mr. Allen Hayes spent the week end in Charleston.

Mrs. R. F. Elvington and children and Mrs. Lawrence Elvington and son, spent Thursday in Clio.

Mr. Quattlebaum who is representing the Pipe Paint Co., of Atlanta, Ga., spent several days in town the past week.

Mr. Moscow spent Sunday in Latta. Dr. Tom Ayers and wife of Florence spent the week end with his parents near Nichols.

Dr. R. F. Elvington spent several days in Florence the past week.

Mr. D. Lerner spent Sunday in Marion.

Rev. Mr. Finch of Kemper preached a most excellent sermon Sunday night at the Baptist church.

Mrs. E. E. Jordan and two children of Conway spent part of the week end in town with her relatives.

Mrs. Willie D. Rogers is spending several days in Mullins.

Mr. Andrew Smith after spending a few days in Columbia has returned home.

Mr. McKenzie of Gaddys Mill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hankins.

Mrs. Prasser of Sandford, N. C., is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ford for a few days.

Mr. Frank Shorter's sister spent several days in town the last week.

Oak Grove.

Several days ago Superintendent of Education, R. S. Rogers, Mr. P. A. George and Mr. Miller, a representative of a fire insurance company, visited the Oak Grove school and adjusted in a satisfactory manner the insurance on the school building destroyed by fire some weeks ago.

The pupils of the Oak Grove school enjoyed an easter egg hunt last Friday afternoon.

The second quarterly conference for the Brownsville circuit was held last Saturday morning at New Holly.

A. W. Tart is preparing to erect a garage at Oak Grove in the near future. He will also put in a filling station.

Rev. C. S. Felder will begin a revival meeting at New Holly next Sunday a week.

A wind of almost cyclonic proportions but of a narrow path and short duration passed over this section last Friday morning doing some damage to outstanding buildings belonging to J. Austin Hayes. The wind was followed by a heavy fall of rain.

The recent heavy rains have checked the planting of cotton and this in connection with the delay some of the farmers are experiencing in getting their fertilizers will doubtless cause much of this crop to be planted later than usual.

Lacey M. Lundy who for the past few months has been attending the Georgia school of Technology in Atlanta returned home recently on account of the condition of his health.

The building committee of Bethesda church met with a contractor at this place one afternoon last week and it is the purpose of the committee to begin work on the building in the near future.

Robert Dillon of Bennettsville, visited in this section Saturday and Sunday.

Latta.

Mrs. John Garner of Mt. Holly is visiting her mother Mrs. Eliza Allen.

Miss Lucy Evans who is teaching near Sumter is at home for a few days.

Misses Cathrine Fitzsimmons and Mary Alford spent the week end with Mrs. Edgar Fenegan.

Mrs. S. R. Eady of Kingsburg is

OLD MUD MARKET REMAINS FOUND

While Excavating in Wilmington Workers Dig Up Pieces of Stumps, Pillings or Pieces of Supposed Indian Pipes.

Wilmington, April 2—Remains of the old Mud Market have been found in the excavations for the building which R. B. Bellamy and Son are erecting at Second and Market streets. Workmen digging below the surface of the street have come across the stumps or pillings and pieces of supposed Indian pipes.

Why the pipes were put there is more or less of a mystery; it is possible they were relics of an ancient Indian civilization, but more probably cherished possessions of the rivermen of the last century.

During the 1820's and '30's the corn crackers used to bring their wares from Onslow and all the counties round about, and peddle them in Wilmington. Even from South Carolina they came, and the Cape Fear was filled with their queer, flat bottomed craft.

At that time there was a creek leading from what was a wharf up Dock street almost to the courthouse. Up this creek the small boats could ply, and a favorite place to tie up and unload their cargoes was old Mud Market.

It stood on the corner of what is now Second and Market and was so-called because the ground nearby was rather like the mud flats which are in evidence in Wrightsville sound at low tide.

The lumber in this section must have been staunch and sound, for it is perhaps a full century since the old pillings were driven into the mud; and the boatmen used to gather there of an evening to smoke their pipes and tell yarns of the days when Wilmington would become a port for strange foreign craft.

Lumberton Robesonian.

Misses Christine, May and Bessie Berry and Mr. Sam Edwards of Latta, S. C., attended a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Caldwell here Tuesday evening, returning to Latta yesterday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Caldwell and small daughter, Francis, who will spend a few days at Latta visiting relatives and friends.

visiting relatives in town. Mr. Robert Dew of the Citadel is at home for Easter.

Miss Annie Covington who is teaching at Marion spent Sunday at home. Misses Elizabeth Foster, Jennie Lee and Elizabeth Dew of Coker College spent Easter at home.

Mrs. R. M. Caldwell of Lumberton is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. Carey Kilgo and children of Bishopville are visiting her mother, Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. William Horn of Fayetteville spent Sunday with Mrs. J. J. Tolar.

Mrs. John Hayes of Kirby's Cross Roads was in town last week.

Demont Biggs of the Citadel spent Easter with his mother.

Miss Price of Sellers spent Sunday with Mrs. W. J. Summerlin.

Miss Emma Bass who is teaching at Cowards spent the week at home.

Mr. Paul Oliver of Marietta attended the entertainment given by the Coker Glee Club here Saturday night.

Miss Agnes Davis of Ellerby was in town Monday.

Upper Kirby Locals.

Mr. Sam Huggins and Miss Sara Garner were married last Thursday night at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Garner, J. R. Smith, notary public, officiating.

F. C. Smith of Fairmont visited this section Sunday and returned Sunday night.

Rowland Hinson and W. H. Burney of Free State visited this section Sunday.

J. M. Hodges has tied the dog and laid up the gun until hunting time again having killed near one hundred rabbits. He has certainly hurt the cotton tail race.

Oats are fine in this section and how bad we need them we can't tell. The Rural Route examination for Mallory R. F. D. will be held the 10 of April and we do hope our present carrier, Mr. L. E. Smith, will win, as he is giving perfect satisfaction to all patrons on his route.

Cotton is being planted this week in every nook and corner. The boys want a big crop and big money this fall. Some few have not yet got their guano.

Our roads are in bad shape up here. Wonder when we can expect some work? It better be before the candidates start up here unless they ride on a leg cart or come afoot.

Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rogers and baby, Misses Colleen and Lucile Betha, spent the week end here with relatives.

Messrs. Eugene Carmichael and Burt Roberts of Wofford Fitting School spent Easter here.

Mrs. Ruby Fort Carmichael and Little Boyd spent a few days in Rowland this week.

Miss Bertha Moore of Salem College, and Willie and Sadie Moore of Coker College, spent Easter holidays here.

CHARLESTON DRY, COLUMBIA IS WET.

Liquor Easier to Get Here Than in Large Cities.

The State. "There is less whiskey in Charleston than in any other town in the state in proportion to population," said J. H. King, federal prohibition agent with headquarters in Charleston, yesterday. Mr. King was at the office of the collector of internal revenue during the day and said despite the fact that Charleston is growing at a rapid pace and many new citizens are coming in, whiskey is far from being plentiful.

Conditions are different in Columbia. So far as the federal authorities are concerned they seem to be giving their whole attention towards eradication of whiskey stills in the country. They have shown little or no activity in the city of Columbia. What has been done here has been done by the city police force. Last month the force was active and about 14 cases were docketed against persons charged with selling liquor. But the following comments taken at random tell the condition in Columbia.

The following is from a newspaper account of the arrests made Sunday: "Unusual number of plain and helpless drunks noted on docket." The patrol hauled 42 men to the barracks who were helplessly drunk, and another lot composed of 21 persons were charged with being drunk and disorderly.

A man well known in Columbia, talking not for the purpose of being heard but making statements of fact said last week:

"Liquor is easier to get in Columbia than in Philadelphia. I know, for I have tried both places, and it was not because I know the ropes here and did not know them in Philadelphia. I have friends there who are more fond of a drink than I am and they will follow me a half mile to get a drink at my room in the hotel, for they cannot get any whiskey in Philadelphia without difficulty. I always carry my liquor with me from Columbia when I go to Philadelphia.

Another well known citizen who heard the above replied:

"Liquor is easier to get in Columbia than in Chicago. A man who had been in both towns tells me that he has no difficulty in buying liquor in Columbia and he has great difficulty in getting it in Chicago, and he knows the ropes in Chicago, as well as he does in Columbia."

"Good liquor can be had in Columbia at \$150 a case. The same quality in Jacksonville costs \$200 a case. In Jacksonville it costs \$18 for a 14 ounce quart. Here it costs \$16."

A guest at one of the hotels recently said:

"I saw 11 empty quart whiskey bottles carried out of the hotel at which I am staying one morning. I asked the negro woman who had gathered them where the men got so much whiskey. She said, 'Lor, mum, this ain't no dry town. As much liquor here as in dispensary times.'"

Society Meetings.

There will be a regular meeting of Rebecca Pickets Chapter D. A. R. on Tuesday afternoon, April the 13th, at four o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. T. Elliott.

Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at school auditorium, public meeting of the D. A. R. Chapter. The state Regent will be present.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will not be held this week on account of the debate between Dillon and Bennettsville. Announcement will be made later.

AIR SHIP PASSES OVER.

Thursday about one o'clock a giant airplane passed over Dillon going south. The ship was flying high and there was much speculation as to who was in the ship and where it was going. Friday morning about 8:30 o'clock the ship passed over on the return trip going north. The occupants of the ship were Capt. Lawson and Lieut. Davis of Langley Field, Va. They went down to Charleston to select a landing field for the coast patrol which the government is putting on from Maine to Texas. They arrived in Charleston an hour and a half after passing over Dillon and left Charleston about 7:30 o'clock next morning on the return journey. The ship they were using was a large DH-4 which has a normal speed of about 100 miles an hour. On account of the heavy clouds they were flying low when they passed over Dillon Friday morning and had to land near Fayetteville on account of a heavy rain.

HORSE BRINGS BIG PRICE.

Mr. James Bryant has disposed of his pacing mare, Queenie Abbe, to a wealthy New Yorker, for the sum of \$2000.00. A representative of the New Yorker came down Saturday and closed the deal through Mr. J. B. Gibson, making the payment in a certified check for \$2500.00 and five \$100 bills. Queenie Abbe was bought in Richmond about a year ago by Mr. Ed. Rogers who paid \$1000 for her. Mr. Rogers sold her to Mr. Bryant for \$1500. She has been in several races at Dillon and other points while she was owned by Mr. Rogers and Mr. Bryant and made an excellent showing.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY LAURENS MEN.

Quietly Taken from Cell—Found Hanging from Bridge.

Laurens, April 2—Joe Steward, twenty-five years of age, shortly before midnight Thursday, as near as can be ascertained was taken from a cell in the police station here and lynched. This is the first time in about seven years that a Laurens negro has been executed without due process of law.

He was mixed up in a fight with several white men Thursday night, this being given as the cause of the trouble. Steward had been employed by a local coal dealer for about a year. He was carried to the foot of Cemetery Hill and hanged from the North Harper street bridge over Little river. The rain-soaked body was cut down and taken to an undertaker this morning. Upon the arrival of the coroner inquest proceedings were immediately started with Solicitor Blackwell representing the State. In the examination of witnesses, after four or five men had testified, including Chief of Police Blakesly and Sheriff Reid, on motion of the Solicitor adjournment was taken until a future date with the view of ascertaining, if possible, additional evidence in the case.

Dr. W. D. Ferguson who examined Steward's body testified that five stab wounds were on the body and his neck had been broken, though death was due to hanging, the wounds were not serious in his estimation. The lynching of Steward was the result of an alleged fight earlier in the night with a party of young white men, three of whom were more or less painfully cut with a knife wielded by Steward, it is said. In the fight, which occurred on a back street near Harrison Hunter's shop, the Negro received five wounds from which he bled freely until medical attention was given him at the station house, where he was taken by the arresting officer, who is said to have rescued the negro from some of the boys in the fight after Steward had been carried to a local negro surgeon for treatment.

It is said that the fight came about by Steward taking up for another negro who it is alleged, offended a young white boy by brushing against him as the negro was leaving the opera house about 7 o'clock. The boys, it is stated, started to get the offending negro when they encountered Steward who, it is claimed, challenged the boys and used abusive language which led to an immediate fight. All wounded parties had to have the attention of doctors. Up until 11 o'clock everything appeared quiet and most people went home.

Chief Blakesly and another policeman were on duty. The officers left the station house for a short time and when they returned the negro was gone. He had been removed from the cell, the door of which was forced open, and taken out through the rear of the building. So quietly was the work done that no one has been found who hear any unusual noise about the station at the alleged time of Steward's removal from his cell. It is not thought necessary by the officers to place the negro in jail as everything was apparently quiet there was no apprehension of further trouble.

THIEF STEALS CAR.

A thief stole Mrs. Lutie Bethea's Ford touring car Friday night from the garage in the rear of the residence. The thief clipped the staple to the garage door with a pair of pliers. It was a new car and had a Yale lock, and it is thought the thief disconnected the wires and formed a starting circuit independent of the switch. Mrs. Bethea offers a reward of \$150 for the return of the car.

This is the second Ford car stolen in Dillon in the last few weeks. A thief stole a Ford car from Mr. A. B. Welch several weeks ago and it has not been recovered. The car was stolen from in front of Mr. W. J. David's boarding house while Mr. Welch was at supper.

WIFE COMES TO AID.

Negro Shot While Attacking Sheriff in Georgia Jail.

Statesboro, Ga., April 4—In an apparent attempt at jail delivery while prisoners were being fed this noon, Charlie Smith, 18 year old negro, struck down Sheriff DeLoach. A window weight to which a rope was attached, was the weapon used. Mrs. DeLoach heard the cries for help and rushed in with the sheriff's pistol, shooting the negro twice, once in the hand and once in the thigh. The sheriff will recover. The window weight came from the cell of John H. Hoover, a white man from Ohio, who is held on a charge of forgery.

Services at Methodist Church.

Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Fullness of Christ." Evening subject: "Pitching Our Tents Toward Sodom." Prayer service on Wednesday at 8 p. m. Choir practice. Teachers' meeting on Saturday at 4:30 p. m. Public cordially invited to all services.

HEWLETT LANDS NEGROES IN JAIL.

Chief of Detectives of Fayetteville Traces Anonymous Letters Written to Missing Man in Centenary.

Fayetteville Observer. Chief of Detectives Hewlett has returned to the city from Centenary and Marion, S. C., after succeeding in landing in jail two negroes on probable charges of murdering Edman White, an aged and respectable white farmer living near the former place last Friday a week ago.

Seymour Swinton and John Simmons are the negroes now in jail and the arrest of probably one or two more is expected. It will be recalled that Edman White left his home during the rain walking down the road to meet his brother at the school house about three-quarters of a mile from his home to place a tombstone over a grave. Mr. White's sister last saw him when he passed around the bend in the road on his way to meet his brother. Threatening letters had been received by the missing man during the month of November of last year. Chief Hewlett went down to Centenary to assist the officers in rounding up the parties responsible for the man's murder, if one had been committed. On his arrival there he discovered that some time ago a house belonging to John Simmons, a negro, had been burned on the farm of Mr. White. Letters written by some anonymous person were secured and the handwriting compared with some checks at the bank as well as at the postoffice and Seymour Swinton was placed under arrest. After a severe grilling at the courthouse he confessed he wrote the letters with the assistance of John Simmons, who was later arrested. The two negroes were carried to Marion and placed in jail.

Assisted by Sheriff John V. Rowell and two deputies of Marion county Chief Hewlett made a thorough search of the country about the farm without finding any trace of the body. Fully a thousand persons joined in the search of the woods. A large lake at Centenary has been gone over several times and will be dragged later. Pe Deo river is nearby and some of the officers are of the opinion that the body was thrown into the river.

On account of some minor trouble some time ago the negroes made an effort to place the burning of the Simmons home on Mr. White and the threatening letters resulted in the hope of causing the community to place the blame also on White.

COUNTY BORROWS WITHOUT INTEREST.

Bank of Lake View Agrees to Lend County \$40,000 Without Interest.

The first meeting of the County Commissioners, under the new act amending the county government law, was held Tuesday. Quite a lot of accumulated business was disposed of. The new act provides that banks shall submit sealed bids on the rate of interest to be charged the county for borrowed money, and pursuant to the provisions of this act, the bids were opened yesterday. The Bank of Lake View was the lowest bidder, having agreed to lend the county \$40,000.00 without interest, and also to pay the county a bonus of \$280.00 for the privilege of handling the account. The Bank of Lake View also agrees to pay the county 5 per cent. on the money carried in the sinking fund.

The act provides that all county funds shall be deposited in the bank making the lowest bid. Bids by other banks were as follows: First National Bank, 1.87 per cent; Union Bank & Trust Co., of Lake View, 2 per cent; Peoples Bank 5 per cent.

FOR SALE

Lumberton Robesonian. One Ford car with piston rings, two rear wheels, one front spring, has no fenders, seat or plunk; burns lots of gas, hard to crank, carburetor busted half way through, engine missing—hits on two. Three years old (four in the spring), has shock absorbers and everything. Radiator busted—sure does leak—differentials dry—you can hear it squeak. Ten spokes missing, front all bent, tires blown out—ain't worth a cent. Got lots of speed—will run like the deuce—burns either gas or tobacco gum. Tires all off, been run on the rim—a darn good Ford for the shape it's in.

POETIC JUSTICE.

The alleged "rhyming robber" James Smith, who is said to have quoted poetry to a druggist while he rifled the cash register, was given poetic justice in New York last week when Magistrate Wm. S. Wootzer pronounced the following lyric judgment: "I held you in five thousand bail, which means you go right back to jail. But before you go just let me say, 'This hold-up game it doesn't pay.' To this poetic disposition of the case, the prisoner promptly responded: "It's all right judge, I'm on my way. Your verdict means I'm going away." Leave and the magistrate replied: "You said it boy; be on your way."

DILLON CLUBS MEET APRIL 24.

The various Democratic clubs in the county will meet Saturday, April 24th, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention, which will be held on the first Monday in May. There are 16 clubs in Dillon county, as follows: Dillon, Latta, Floydale, Fork, Kemper, Bernward, Gaddys Mills, Lake View, Mt. Clary, Pleasant Hill, Hamer, Lingo, Rock, Maple Mill, Judson, Fore, and Centerville.

There is some talk of changing the rules of the party and permitting the women to vote in the primaries next year. This has nothing to do with the suffrage amendment, but if the amendment should fall of ratification the women would not be allowed to vote in the general election. The rules will have to be amended at the State Democratic Convention, which meets Tuesday, May 19th.

Under the new rules there must be a complete re-enrollment every two years, and the club rolls will be opened on the last Tuesday in June and remain open until the last Tuesday in July.

E. R. Edwards spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in Greensboro, N. C.

FLAT TURNS OVER TEN LIVES LOST

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY NEAR McCORMACK SUNDAY.

Ferry Boat Cable Gives Way When Auto Party Attempts to Cross River.

McCormick, April 5—While on a pleasure trip yesterday afternoon traveling in two automobiles and crossing Savannah river at Harper's ferry, six miles west of Lowndesville, 10 out of 11 persons in the party were drowned in the waters of the Savannah river.

The young people were on their way from South Carolina to Elbert county, Georgia, and had started across Savannah river on the flat. The flat holding the cable by which the flat was operated gave way and the flat drifted down the river until it struck a rock and capsized. Those reported drowned are: Albert Sutherland, about 18 years old; Miss Alice Meschine, about 15 years of age, and her brother, Charlie Meschine, about 19 years old; Lester Waters and his wife, young couple who had been married only six weeks; Inez Manning, aged 9 and her sister, Miss Annie Manning, 16 years of age, and the brother, Robert Manning, age 22; Miss Allie Bradshaw, aged 18, and her sister, Miss Lucy Bradshaw, aged 15. The only person in the party who was saved was Thomas Bradshaw, brother of Misses Allie Bradshaw and Lucy Bradshaw.

It is thought that the high water of the Savannah river and the strong current rushing against the flat loaded with the party and two automobiles, in which they were traveling, caused the cable post to give way. All of the drowned are from prominent families residing in and around the town of Lowndesville, Abbeville county, and as soon as the matter was reported the whole country turned into a searching party trying to recover the bodies of those drowned. On account of the swollen river none of the bodies had been recovered late this afternoon.

The tragedy has caused a gloom over the entire community.

Abbeville, April 5—Ten people were drowned at Harper's ferry, near Lowndesville, yesterday afternoon when the ferry cable snapped and the flat capsized in Savannah river. Eleven persons were making the trip across but Thomas Bradshaw managed to get to the shore, according to information here. Those who drowned were: Lester Waters, ferryman, and Mrs. Waters, Albert Sutherland, Lucy Bradshaw, Allie May Bradshaw, Alice Meschine, Charles Meschine and three children of Walter Manning.

The Waters were a young couple who had been married only about a month. Mr. Waters was an ex-soldier, having seen overseas service; Mrs. Waters was a public school teacher and some of those on the flat were her pupils and the party is said to have been crossing over to her home. Albert Sutherland was 18 years old and was the son of one of the jurors to have been here today for the sett trial. He had taken his father to the train at Lowndesville earlier in the afternoon.

The continuous rains have caused something of a freshet in the water courses in this section and the annah river was said to have been up seven or eight feet when the tragedy occurred.

Harper's Ferry is about six miles from Lowndesville and about 30 miles from here.

From Lowndesville this afternoon it is learned that the flat at Harper's ferry turned over directly after the steel cable broke. This was caused, it is said by a wind sheet or board which was dropped along side the flat to relieve the pressure on the cable during high water. When the cable gave way, the undertow of the current is said to have turned the flat completely over on the occupants. The flat was near enough the Georgia shore for one boy to jump and get to the bank.

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